

Older Americans constitute a living link to the past as well as a rich source of experience and wisdom for the future. They are our parents, grandparents, neighbors, and mentors, and, together, they have helped to preserve the rich legacy of freedom that we enjoy today. Through two global conflicts and the Cold War that followed, older Americans labored and sacrificed to defend the light of liberty. Through their creativity and hard work, they developed technology that has enabled us to cross new frontiers in space and science while achieving ever higher levels of industrial and agricultural productivity. Today, millions of older Americans share their talents and expertise with younger generations by engaging in voluntary service, thereby becoming Points of Light. What better way to thank our senior citizens than to ensure that they have access to the opportunities, services, and support that they so rightly deserve.

Each of us can contribute toward that important goal by joining in the National Eldercare Campaign. As part of this campaign, the Federal Government is working to promote partnerships among private voluntary organizations and State and Area Agencies on Aging. These locally established coalitions will help to address the specific needs of the at-risk elderly, thereby enabling millions of older Americans to live with dignity and security in their own homes and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim the month of May 1992 as Older Americans Month. I call on the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies and activities in honor of our Nation's senior citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 18 day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6438 of May 18, 1992

National Huntington's Disease Awareness Month, 1992

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Huntington's disease is an insidious, hereditary neurological disorder that causes the gradual deterioration of one's ability to speak, move, and think. The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke reports that some 25,000 Americans have Huntington's disease, and that each of their children has a 50 percent chance of inheriting the defective gene that is associated with it.

One of the tragic facts about Huntington's disease is that it usually becomes manifest in the middle years, after an individual has established a career and a family. The estimated 125,000 Americans who are at risk of developing the disease may spend years anxiously awaiting the appearance of symptoms, such as tics, lapses in memory, and unsteadiness. If an individual develops Huntington's disease, the resulting de-

mentia, slurred speech, and uncontrollable movements progressively worsen. For those fortunate not to develop the disorder, Huntington's disease can nevertheless take an emotional and financial toll as they care for stricken loved ones.

Today, patients and their families have just cause for hope; a new era of discovery is unfolding in research on Huntington's disease. Members of the biomedical research community are aggressively pursuing studies to identify the exact location of the gene associated with Huntington's disease and to learn how it functions in the body. Once the gene is located and its mechanism of action is exposed, scientists will be able to analyze and possibly to correct the defect, thereby conquering Huntington's disease once and for all. Until scientists achieve these goals, however, affected individuals and families will continue to need our understanding and our support.

In order to enhance public awareness of Huntington's disease and to express concern for those affected by it, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 251, has designated May 1992 as "National Huntington's Disease Awareness Month" and has requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 1992 as National Huntington's Disease Awareness Month. I encourage all Americans to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6439 of May 18, 1992

World Trade Week, 1992

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

At no time in recent history has international commerce been so important to the economic productivity and strength of the United States. As more and more peoples around the world join the ranks of free and democratic nations and reform their economies on the basis of market principles, American business, agriculture, and industry face unprecedented opportunities and challenges. Thus, it is fitting that we pause to recognize the role of international trade in creating jobs for our citizens while spurring America's productivity and competitiveness.

Today the success of U.S. exporters is driving our Nation's economy toward stronger growth. Last year, U.S. merchandise exports soared to a record high of \$422 billion. Our trade deficit dropped to \$66 billion, the lowest level since 1983. Exports not only mean jobs to the men and women who develop, grow, manufacture, and market products for sale abroad but also help to bring prosperity to our communities.